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Mtn. Valley Stone - Browns Canyon

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Tue, Mar 8, 2016 at 2:40 PM

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Mr. Baker,

I just got wind of the large mining permit that Mountain Valley Stone is proposing in Browns Canyon. I am one of the adjacent land owners listed in the Plan of Operations. We own lot number 24. Looks like they plan to mine within a quarter mile of my ground. A mining operation this close to our land will have an extremely onerous impact on the value of our land. At some point in the future, we plan to develop two recreational home lots on the 42 acre parcel as per Summit County Board Decision dated June 15, 1998. Their mining will essentially reduce the value of that land to \$0.

I have reviewed their mining plan and find it inadequate and unrealistic in regards to their reclamation plan. As far as I can decipher in regards to their bond they plan to reclaim the ground as they operate under one bond and at the same time they say they can't reclaim existing disturbance because they need it open in order to be able to operate. If we are to ever realize the value of our property they need to have a finite mine plan including an adequate reclamation plan and bond in place commensurate with what it will cost to completely reclaim the site. I recently spoke with Robert Hicken on the phone and he indicated that they plan to mine there forever. That would be unacceptable. I would ask that prior to approval, the operator, the adjacent land owners and the administrators sit down and discuss the impact this mine plan will have on the adjacent property owners in some detail.

Thanks for your consideration.

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Wed, Mar 9, 2016 at 8:32 AM

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Hi Leslie, Hi Paul,

Sorry to be a pest but still wound up about their plan. I noticed they are permitting another

10 acres of disturbance but in their section 10.63 Estimated acreage, they are permitting additional 10 acres but list a **life of mine disturbance of 171 acres**. Don't see that number supported or explained anywhere else. That would seem to put their mine operation exteneding right to the edge of my property.

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